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SUBJECT: FACILITATORS REPORT SMALL ADVANCES ON HUMANITARIAN \
EXCHANGE, BUT GOC UNAWARE OF FARC MOVEMENT ON KEY ISSUES \
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Classified By: Political Counselor John S. Creamer \
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Summary \
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¶1. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX told us French and Swiss facilitators had met with FARC spokesperson Raul Reyes and appeared optimistic they could persuade the FARC to agree to a "zona de encuentro" to begin talks on a humanitarian exchange. The GOC was working well with the facilitators but saw no FARC movement to justify their optimism. End summary. \
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¶2. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX told us on April 3 that Swiss official Jean Pierre Gontard and French diplomat Noel Saenz, on behalf of the three accompanying countries (France, Switzerland and Spain), met with FARC spokesperson Raul Reyes in early March and returned enthusiastic about prospects for starting talks on a humanitarian accord. The two have recently traveled twice to the Central Cordillera, including Pradera and Florida municipalities, to consider potential sites for a "zona de encuentro" for accord negotiations. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said the two are apparently convinced Florida and Pradera municipalities would not be an appropriate site--due to the heavy GOC military presence--and are looking at alternatives. They will meet again with Reyes in the near future to discuss potential sites, as well as the rules of the game for humanitarian negotiations. \
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¶3. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said the Gontard/Saenz effort represents a small advance because the FARC previously insisted that a demilitarized zone must be created before it would discuss the rules governing any talks. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said the GOC is working well with Gontard and Saenz, but is not as optimistic about the prospect of talks. The GOC has not yet seen any sign the FARC has changed its stance vis-a-vis an accord. \
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¶4. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said the GOC welcomed the offer by U.S. Congressmen to accompany/be present in an eventual "zona de encuentro," as well as their support for the December 2005 European proposal of a 65 square mile security zone. The FARC insists it must have military control of any zone, because it fears the U.S. would try to seize its negotiators. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said the presence of U.S. Congressmen would help assuage this concern. Uribe has asked XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to reach out to Gontard to urge him to contact Congressman McGovern or his staff. The GOC wants Gontard to support the Congressmen's offer and to keep McGovern informed as the talks with the FARC progress. \
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¶5. (U) In remarks at a Cali university on March 29, Uribe said he hoped the international facilitators would succeed in obtaining FARC agreement to a "zona de encuentro." He reiterated his two conditions: that released FARC terrorists enter a GOC reinsertion program and do not return to FARC ranks, and that there be no "demilitarized zone." \
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